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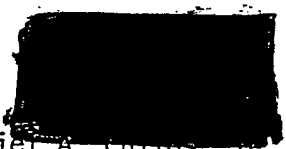
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8 May 1986

Mr. Keith Hall  
Select Committee on  
Intelligence, Staff  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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~~Keith,~~

Attached are answers to several questions for the record that you submitted after the 17 April 1986 SSCI covert action hearing. Answers to the remaining questions will follow shortly. Please call if you have any questions.

  
Daniel A. Childs, Jr.  
Comptroller

Attachments: SSCI Questions for the Record  
NO's attached: 1-3, 4a, 4b, 5-10, 15, 16a, 16b, 17-20, 22, 24, 25

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QUESTION 16a

What did the CIA know over the years about possible DNI and 316th involvement in human rights violations, and what was done to stop them?

ANSWER

Before receiving the information about the activities of the Honduran Anti-Communist Liberation Army (ELACH) in late 1985, we did not have any hard information that linked Honduran officials to death squad activity. Up to that time, there were only unsubstantiated allegations of official involvement. As the Director informed you in his letter of 27 February 1986, we have been investigating allegations of Government-sponsored human rights abuses in Honduras. [REDACTED] was directed to use all existing assets and to recruit new unilateral sources for collection of information on allegations that the Government of Honduras was directly involved in human rights violations.

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QUESTION 16b

What was done, if anything, to stop them (the human-rights abuses)?

ANSWER

[REDACTED] received the information on ELACH's activities two years after the last executions took place; thus, no action could have been taken on our part to prevent them. Once the Azcona Government has settled into office, we intend to inform senior government officials about the past activities of ELACH and the involvement of senior officials. Because this is an internal matter, President Azcona will determine what action, if any, is to be taken about earlier abuses.

[REDACTED] recently reported that the Honduran military is concerned about a government amnesty that has led to the release of subversives convicted of kidnappings, bombings, and other terrorist acts. The military has discussed internally what measures can be taken to prevent such individuals captured in the future from eventually being freed.

[REDACTED] We plan to discuss this matter with senior Honduran military leaders and make clear that we do not condone such extralegal actions.

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QUESTION 17

What is the likelihood that [REDACTED] equipment, training or information was misused by the Honduran services?

ANSWER

We do not have any information that substantiates abuses of [REDACTED] support. We have provided the Committee with all the information we have on official involvement in human rights violations and will keep the Committee informed of any information that we receive in the future.

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